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1. CHANGES TO CODEL COMPOSITION AND PLANS SUGGESTED REF A
OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATE ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE. WE BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE CHANGES
RELATING TO CONGRESSMAN AND MRS WIGGINS VISITS TO THE REFUGEE
CAMPS AND ARE CHECKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF MOVING SONGKHLA
TRIP FORWARD TO SUNDAY, JULY 9. WE WILL ADVISE OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS
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2. HOWEVER, DO NOT KNOW HOW WE CAN EXPLAIN THAT CONGRESSMAN WIGGINS AND MR CLINE PREFER VISIT TO CAMPS FRIDAY INSTEAD OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, WHO TOOK INITIATIVE TO SET UP MEETING WITH CODEL. TO PASS UP CALL ON PM TO VISIT CAMPS, WHEN NEITHER

CONGRESSMAN WIGGINS NOR CLINE WILL BE HERE FOR PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER, WOULD BE CONSIDERED A DISCOURTESY BY THE RTG EVIDENCING A LACK OF INTEREST IN THAI VIEWS ON THIS PRESSING ISSUE.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE INSTEAD THAT CONGRESSMAN WIGGINS AND CLINE KEEP TO FRIDAY SCHEDULE, AT LEAST CALLING ON PM AND, IF THEY DESIRE, OTHER RTG OFFICIALS IN THE AFTERNOON. THE WILL STILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT REFUGEES AT NONG KHAI ON SATURDAY AND SONGKHLA ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD TRY TO TELESCOPE FRIDAY'S SCHEDULED TRIP TO ARANYAPRATHET SO THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CALL ON PRIME MINISTER, WHICH SHOULD BE FINISHED ABOUT 1200, CONGRESSMAN WIGGINS, CLINE, ENDRES, HOLSTINE AND PARTY WILL DEPART FOR DON MUANG AIRPORT. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF IN DAO AIRCRAFT ABOUT 1300 AND ARRIVE AT THE REFUGEE CAMP ABOUT 1415. ALLOWING FOR ABOUT TWO OR TWO AND A HALF HOURS AT THE CAMP, THE PARTY COULD BE BACK AT DON MUANG BY ABOUT 1800. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

4. WE NEED ALSO TO KNOW MRS WIGGINS INTENTIONS. RESERVATIONS ON THE OVERNIGHT TRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ON SHORT NOTICE BECAUSE OF HEAVY ADVANCE BOOKING.
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